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Remarks

The specification is amended to correct a typographical error in the name of a book, which was incorporated by reference. The correct name of the book is The Indispensable PC Hardware Book (2d ed.), which is consistent with the title given in the IDS filed on January 28, 1998, in the parent application. A copy of this previously-filed IDS is attached hereto. No new matter is added by these amendments.

The specification is also amended to explicitly recite portions of pages 919, 921, and 1033 of The Indispensable PC Hardware Book (2d ed), which was incorporated by reference in the specification at page 8, 2nd full paragraph. Copies of pages 919, 921, and 1033 are attached hereto. No new matter is added by these amendments.

Original claims 1-21 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and new claims 22-47 are added. Claims 22-47 are now pending in this application. No new matter is added by these amendments. The new claims find support, for example, at:

Page 4, lines 2-3: "Such characteristics include brightness, contrast and volume."

Page 9, lines 12-15: "BIOS 20, upon receiving a scan code from controller 18, determines if the scan code corresponds to one of the ordinary shift keys or one of the keys that are considered to be special shift keys and toggle keys, such as CTRL, ALT, NUM LOCK, CAPS LOCK, SCROLL LOCK, FUNCTION, INSERT, etc."

Page 10, line 23: "Any keystroke can be mapped to any display control command."

The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (612-371-2103) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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